

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Pinheiro for his telephonic interview of March 11, 2008, in which Applicants discussed the present Amendment.

In accordance with MPEP 1206, this amendment is being filed after the filing of the Notice of Appeal on January 28, 2008, but prior to filing Applicants' Brief to "(B) comply with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous action." These requirements of form were noted in Office Actions received in related Applications No. 11/428,726 (the "'726 application" hereinafter) and 11/428,748 (the "'748 application" hereinafter).

The '726 and '748 applications both claims priority to the present application and contains a substantially identical disclosure. In an Office Action mailed on October 26, 2007, in the '726 application, the drawings were objected to because the following reference characters were not mentioned in the description: 370, 380, 390, 810, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940 and 1200. An identical objection was made in the Office Action mailed November 2, 2007, in the '748 Application. Identical specification amendments have been made in the '726 and '748 applications in response to those objections. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments are being made to "comply with [a] requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous action." Applicants also submit that the above circumstances constitutes "good and sufficient reasons why the amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented," in accordance with MPEP 1206 and 37 CFR 41.33(a), and may be entered on this independent ground as well.

As Applicants noted in the telephonic interview of March 11, 2008, the above amendments put the Application in better form for allowance and do not affect the issues presently on appeal. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendment.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Applicants' representative.

PAYMENT

Please charge any fees that may be required for this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Furthermore, should an extension of time be required, please grant any extension of time which may be required to make this Amendment timely, and please charge any fee for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted,

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